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IDENTICAL LETTERS DATED 20 JUNE 1998 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that violations of Iraq's airspace by United States aircraft continued between 1 and 15 June 1998 and that the aircraft in question carried out reconnaissance and engaged in acts of provocation, as set forth in the annex hereto.

Your intervention is requested with a view to bringing a halt to actions that, as flagrant violations of the Charter of the United Nations and of international law, pose a threat to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Iraq.

These actions continue to alarm the civilian population and to cause serious damage to private and public property. The Republic of Iraq affirms its right to seek legal compensation for the damage being inflicted on the Iraqi people and the Iraqi State by these actions.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Permanent Representative

## Annex

## Violations of Iraq's airspace and damage caused, 1-15 June 1998

1. In the northern region 102 sorties were flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 9,000 metres over the following cities and towns: Dohuk, Mosul, Amadiyah, Aqrah, Zakho, Irbil, Tall Afar and Rawanduz.

2. In the southern region 637 sorties were flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 9,000 metres over the following Iraqi cities and towns: Nasiriyah, Samawah, Artawi, Ushbayjah, Jalibah, Salman, Busayyah, Qurnah, Chabaish, Shinafiyah, Rumaythah, Basrah, Hayy, Shatrah, Amarah, Qal'at Sukkar, Safwan, Suq al-Shuyukh, Hamzah, Maymunah, Abu Sukhayr, Taqtaqanah, Rifa'i, Najaf, Shithathah and Ukhaydir.

3. Eight violations were committed by TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at altitudes of 20,000 metres and at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour.

4. At 0940, 1000 and 1030 hours on 24 May 1998 United States aircraft violated Iraqi airspace over Umm Qasr.

5. At 0910, 0930, 0950, 1005, 1025 and 1035 hours on 25 May 1998 United States aircraft violated Iraqi airspace over Umm Qasr.

6. At 0830, 0840, 1330 and 1550 hours on 27 May 1998 United States aircraft violated Iraqi airspace over Umm Qasr.

7. At 1320 and 0324 hours on 28 and 29 May 1998 United States aircraft violated Iraqi airspace over Umm Qasr.

8. At 0900, 0957, 1005, 1100 and 1310 hours on 30 and 31 May 1998 United States aircraft violated Iraqi airspace over Umm Qasr.

9. At 1320, 1600 and 1610 hours on 5 June 1998 United States aircraft violated Iraqi airspace over Umm Qasr.

10. At 0922, 0845 and 1755 hours on 6 and 7 June 1998 United States aircraft violated Iraqi airspace over Umm Qasr.

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